

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF LAWYERS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of qualified and skilled lawyers in the country, and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether only twenty per cent of available lawyers in the country are considered fit enough to practice law in courts;
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the standard of legal education to produce skilled lawyers to meet the requirement;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to start LLB course through correspondence for Government employees to meet the shortage; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to meet the shortage of qualified/skilled lawyers in the country?

Answer

MIMSTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRID.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)

(a) to (c): No. Madam. The Bar Council of India has informed that there are 17 lakhs lawyers in the country, about 1100 colleges/universities are imparting legal education in the country. Every year around 30,000 advocates join profession. The Bar Council of India has introduced All India Bar Examination to mitigate the problem of standard of Legal Education as well as to set the minimum standard for the practice of law in India and to assess the ability to practice law in India by addressing the candidates basic knowledge of law and analytical ability before practicing as an advocate.

(d) and (e): No, Madam. The Bar Councoil India has informed that being a professional course, it is not possible to run LL.B course in a correspondence mode.